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Requirements for Providing School Bus Transportation in the State of Utah

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Standards for Utah School Buses and Operations, sets forth the standards for all public education school buses and all public education school bus operations within the State of Utah. In addition, several Utah Codes govern the use of school buses within the State of Utah to ensure uniform safety in all school bus operations regardless of the agency or organization providing the services.

The laws and standards governing Utah school buses address both driver and bus requirements. These requirements address areas such as hiring requirements, certification requirements, recertification requirements, pre-employment and periodic motor vehicle record (MVR) evaluations, pre-employment and periodic background checks, pre-employment and random drug and alcohol testing, school bus equipment certification requirements, biannual school bus inspection requirements, certified technician repair requirements, and other areas dealing with the safe operation of school buses.

An individual or organization desiring to transport students within the State of Utah is required to meet all the requirements outlined in Utah Code. Public Education entities must also meet the Standards for Utah School Buses and Operations that were approved by the Utah State Board of Education on June 4, 2010.

Minimum Supervision Requirements for Charter Schools:

1. Designated administrator responsible for all compliance
2. Drug and alcohol Program Coordinator who is certified and annually re-certified
3. Instructor who is certified and annually re-certified or contract for certified instructor services
4. Shop technician who is certified or contract for certified shop technician services

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Standards for Utah School Buses and Operations available at: www.schools.utah.gov/finance